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PROTECTION TO SERVICE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the interests of the Indian providers of distribution services has been left unprotected in the WTO;

(b) whether the Government have consulted any of the market agencies in this sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons for neglecting such an important sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (d) The negotiations under the General Agreement on Trade in Services are currently underway at the WTO. The consultations with stakeholders are an integral part of the process of negotiations and are a continuing exercise. The interests of the Indian Service Providers in Distribution Services are not left unprotected. India has not taken any sector - specific commitments under this Sector in the WTO so far.